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By: **Delegate Valderrama**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anti-Terrorism Efforts - State Coordinator**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Lieutenant Governor to act as State coordinator of  
4 anti-terrorism efforts in the counties and municipal corporations of the State;  
5 requiring the State coordinator to designate the sheriff's department or special  
6 forces of the police department as the primary local law enforcement agency to  
7 fight terrorism in the county or municipal corporation; providing that the  
8 sheriff's department or special forces of the police department has certain  
9 powers; and generally relating to coordination of anti-terrorism efforts in the  
10 State.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions  
13 Section 18-101 to be under the new title "Title 18. Anti-Terrorism Efforts"  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2001 Replacement Volume)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article - State Government  
18 Section 3-307  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

24 TITLE 18. ANTI-TERRORISM EFFORTS.

25 18-101.

26 (A) IN ORDER TO COORDINATE ANTI-TERRORISM EFFORTS IN THE STATE, THE  
27 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL ACT AS THE STATE COORDINATOR OF

1 ANTI-TERRORISM EFFORTS IN THE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS OF  
2 THE STATE.

3 (B) (1) IN EACH COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, THE STATE  
4 COORDINATOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR SPECIAL FORCES  
5 OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS THE PRIMARY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
6 TO FIGHT TERRORISM IN THAT COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

7 (2) THE DESIGNATED SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR SPECIAL FORCES OF  
8 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
9 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POWERS AS NECESSARY TO FIGHT TERRORISM IN THE  
10 COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

11 **Article - State Government**

12 3-307.

13 THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR HAS THE DUTIES OF THE STATE COORDINATOR  
14 OF ANTI-TERRORISM EFFORTS AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 24, § 18-101 OF THE CODE.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2002.